

February 3, 2014

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Haywood, Kemp and Lanier were present. Dr. Bob Shackleford, RCC President, gave the invocation and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

### **Public Comment Period**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment. County Attorney Ben Morgan read aloud the Public Comment Rules of Procedure.

**Bobby Ferguson**, 8703 Old Hwy 421, Julian, said that they understand that the prospect of good, well-paying jobs is what is driving the mega site. He referred to an economic impact analysis that shows these jobs are not the panacea we have been led to believe. The study, dated 9/19/11 by a Dr. Judd, assumes that the plant will employ 2,000 employees. In addition, Dr. Judd makes the computation from other locations that there would be another 2,483 jobs added for a total of 4,483, and those jobs would provide \$333 million in wages. Mr. Ferguson said that equates to \$74,000+ per job, with the wage being in the neighborhood of \$37+/hr. He referred to a recent job advertisement from the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee for an automotive assembler. He said it advertised the wage at \$10-\$10.50/hr. through Express Employment, which is a temp agency, and which indicated that the job is a temporary job with no benefits until it goes to full time. He provided a copy of the ad to the Board. He said these numbers clearly show a great discrepancy between what is real and what was assumed 2½ years ago and those assumptions may not be right. He said we need to collectively look at this and realize that business dynamics change constantly. What's valid data today may not be valid tomorrow. Somewhere between \$10 and \$40 per hour is probably the right number to use for the economic analysis. Due to high extreme competition in the automotive industry, if one company finds that it can make do with contract and temporary employees, it will cut costs to become more competitive. Then, all those companies will start doing that. Mr. Ferguson said that we need to reevaluate. The large wage numbers tossed around on an automotive plant in the Piedmont are misleading and significantly overstated. Randolph County folks are not likely to be on the upper end of the pay scale. The jobs picture associated with the Greensboro-Liberty mega site is not as rosy as has been put forth to us over the last two or three years.

**Randy Orloff** of Greensboro spoke on behalf of a large group of people who showed up from Randolph County to express their disappointment and displeasure with the Animal Shelter using a gas chamber to kill animals. He said the chamber is not necessary. Using a gas chamber is extremely expensive to maintain due to the cost of gas, monthly maintenance, and insurance. If the concern is money, the County has been offered very nice grants from the Humane Society and ASPCA to make sure that the County of Randolph did not incur any direct expenses. Since the County is already using euthanasia by injection here, it would be easy to train any additional staff. He mentioned that two different gas chambers in North Carolina have blown up in last five years: Iredell County and Lincoln County. Both caused much property damage and Lincoln County sustained an injured employee who is still on disability. He said that the main reason to stop using the gas chamber is to end the torturing of the animals. Why do it when you can give them an injection and put them to sleep? It's still taking a life, but it's humane. To put them in a

little box with a bunch of other animals and press the button and walk away while they fight, kick and scream trying to get out of that chamber is completely unwarranted, unnecessary and wrong; it's barbaric. This is something that should not be happening in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Randolph is one of 10 North Carolina counties that continue to use the gas chamber. The other 90 counties have found out how to handle the animal safely, inexpensively and within their budget. He said there is no reason to torture them. He asked the Board to consider letting the Humane Society come and dismantle the gas chamber for the County and recycle it. He said that they will be happy to send the County back the money to remove the gas chamber. Please do the right thing for Randolph County and for the animals.

**Angie Allred**, 514 Westbrook Ct., Archdale, said that the invocation at the beginning of the meeting inspired her. It said God said to love Him and love one another. But the gas chamber proves the exact opposite of that. It's not love, and it's not humane. The word euthanasia means good death. The gas chamber is anything but that. She said the numbers are staggering: 1,179 animals last year were adopted and 5,317 were killed by EBI and the gas chamber. She said that the Humane Society wants to help and wants to give unwanted animals a peaceful death. She gave the Chairman a petition with 5,578 signatures.

**Sandy Tuttle**, 1126 Jennings Park Trail, Kernersville, said that two weeks ago she learned that Randolph County still used a gas chamber and she was appalled. She knew immediately that she would help to peacefully shut it down. She found out about the rally and came to support the fine people of Randolph County who want to shut it down. It makes her sick to think about how those animals are being treated. She hopes that the Board will decide to finally close that piece of equipment down.

**Iris Fox**, 2835 Tot Hill Farm Rd., Asheboro, said that she moved here six years ago from Connecticut. She's never seen something so horrible as the dogs that they kill here. Up North she never saw anything like that. Animals there were treated so humanely. She never even saw dead dogs on the road. Why can't we get this right? We're so far behind the times and the mentality here is that animals are treated like livestock. The Randolph County Animal Shelter is a joke because it's not a shelter. She has found homes for many dogs since she's been in North Carolina and volunteers with Humane Society. She has eight dogs of her own that probably have a better life than some residents in North Carolina. She urged the Board to do something about this.

**Debra Hildebrand**, 4593 Crutchfield Farm Road, Liberty, said that she moved here in 1995 from New York to escape the cold and snow. They found their perfect house with five acres in 1996. Since then, they bought an additional five acres for added privacy. They love to watch wildlife and the stars at night. She said that this mega site will destroy all that they love and will destroy the small town feel of Liberty. A site like this will bring noise and pollution. As a taxpayer, she is even more concerned with taxes because they will have to go up because a facility of this size will cost many millions of dollars. The County will have to raise taxes because of incentives. The state is going to give a new occupant of their land millions of their dollars, which is another bailout and payout of rich private business with public dollars. She said she works at a small family-owned business in Greensboro. No one gives them anything when they have to buy new equipment. How is that fair to them or another small company trying to

make it? She asked the Board to keep the rural countryside as natural as it's always been. There are other sites in North Carolina that want this. Let them have it.

**Donna Lawrence**, 116 Haverly Drive, High Point, said that she is the President and founder of Susie's Hope, a non-profit. She adopted Susie and had the laws changed in North Carolina for animal cruelty. She said that she and Susie are on a mission to educate people all over North Carolina about animal abuse and how to properly take care of pets. They teach children that animals have feelings just like people do. She is here in support of all who are trying to get rid of the gas chamber, which is a horrible way to die. It's not animals' fault they are born. Poor animals are in the gas chamber, scratching to get out, suffering and gasping for air. There is a better way. If animals have to die, it should be in a humane way. Susie was set on fire, abused, and tortured. She said she supports the community in getting rid of the gas chamber.

**James McDaniel**, 869 Stout Rd., Randleman, said that he is an animal lover but according to a recent article in the *Courier Tribune*, Randolph County spent almost \$400,000 in 2012 at the Animal Shelter putting animals down or keeping the shelter running. He thinks that is an extremely large amount of money, when we have kids in schools who are hungry and homeless. We can spend that money in better ways than at the animal shelter. He loves animals, but he said we should think about turning some of this money to a good purpose for kids and schools, especially at Randleman Elementary and other schools that are overpopulated. He suggested using the most cost effective way to euthanize the animals and education is key. He urged the Board to focus on the money we're spending on education and taking care of kids.

**Julia Osborne**, 101 Simmons Creek Ct., Archdale, said that she is a registered nurse who lives in Archdale. She said she's a little dismayed that we still use that gas chamber. There is literature showing that injections can be done in a cheaper way. Staff can be trained to give animals a humane death. She's sure that no one wants to stuff a dog or cat into a gas chamber and drop a pellet. She has seen carbon monoxide poisoning in folks and it is horrific. They twitch, seize, lose their mental capabilities and it's probably pretty frightening. She believes spaying, neutering and education are key. She thinks that we can find a humane way to end using the gas chamber at the shelter.

**Christy Drumwright**, 1596 Miller Country Dr., Asheboro, said that she and her husband live on 12 acres in Randolph County. Her husband is a local business owner and employs 48 people. She has 10 dogs of her own. Several were rescued from shelters and off the side of the road and from chains. She said that dogs have two things that drive them: fight and flight. A gas chamber death is not instant; it takes 10-20 minutes. They fight and gasp for their last breath. She doesn't understand how people can say it's not inhumane. It's inhumane to put people who murder people in a gas chamber. We do that by lethal injection. Dogs have no say. They can't speak. We here in Randolph County want to be one of the last 10 counties to do something humane for these dogs? It's time we step up and do something to change it. It's up to the Board to change it.

**Larry Bonofiglio**, 1725 Old County Farm Rd., Sophia, asked the Board if any of them had ever choked and almost died? He said that he had and it's a horrible experience. He said they're doing all they can at ASPCA with low cost spay and neuter. He said that one cat, over a nine-

year period, can have 11,600,000 animals. He has four dogs; three are rescues. He said it's cheaper for the injections than with the gas. He said that every board member has personal issues and things that they fight for. This is something that will increase our county's stature in the state and also in the animal community. He begged the Board to think about this.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

*On motion of Haywood, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:*

- *approve minutes from 1/6/14 regular and closed session meetings;*
- *appoint Darrell Frye as Alternate Representative to the Piedmont Triad Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) Advisory Committee (TAC);*
- *appoint Thomas Rush to Asheboro Planning Board as ETJ Member;*
- *approve Budget Amendment #23 for Wellness Grant (\$15,000), as follows:*

<b>2013-2014 Budget Ordinance--General Fund—Budget Amendment #23</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Administration</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	

- *adopt a Resolution Approving Revised Memorandum of Understanding for the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPMPO), as follows:*

#### ***Resolution Approving Revised Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Planning and Membership in the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization***

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 136, Article 3A, Section 136.66.2 (a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina require that comprehensive transportation planning be coordinated among local governments located within federally designated urban areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for carrying out a transportation planning process in accordance with federally mandated policies outlined U.S.C. 134; and

**WHEREAS**, a transportation planning process includes the operational procedures and working arrangements by which planning is soundly conceived by the participating local governments as reflected in a Memorandum of Understanding adopted by the governing bodies of each local government; and

**WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Understanding, approved February 3, 2014, reflects the addition of a transit representative made necessary by new federal transportation law (MAP-21) in addition to reflecting changes as required by new North Carolina General Statutes clarifying the roles of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

**WHEREAS**, the updated Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed and approved by elected officials of member governments comprising the Technical Advisory Committee of the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the updated Memorandum of Understanding for the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization, as submitted this 3rd day of February, 2014, be approved.

*This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014.*

- *reappoint Dick Peterson and Michael Ayers to the Randolph County Board of Equalization & Review;*
- *approve Budget Amendment #24 to accept Department of Public Safety Pass-through Grant (\$224,000) for VIPER Infrastructure and authorize County Manager to sign contract:*

<b>2013-2014 Budget Ordinance--General Fund—Budget Amendment #24</b>		
<b><i>Revenues</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>	<b><i>Decrease</i></b>
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$224,000	
<b><i>Appropriations</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>	<b><i>Decrease</i></b>
<i>Emergency Services</i>	\$224,400	

- *approve 2014 audit contract with Cherry Bekaert for \$57,200 (no change from last year)*
- *appoint Dr. Jason Stopyra to fill unexpired term of Dr. Eric Helsabeck on EMS Peer Review Committee.*

### **Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Annual Report**

Tammy O’Kelley, Director of Tourism, distributed to Board members the Randolph County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Annual Report that includes details on the TDA’s 2012 program of work and accomplishments. Randolph County’s tourism industry achieved record performance in 2012, with visitor spending reaching \$120.8 million, an all-time high indicating full recovery from the recession that began in 2008, and generating \$8.98 million in state and local tax revenues for reinvestment in communities across the County. Spending by travelers directly supported 970 jobs with a payroll of \$17.64 million and generated \$8.98 million in state and local tax receipts saving each County household approximately \$147. Ms. O’Kelley reported that the I-73/74 Visitor Centers served 56,917 travelers and 25,000 North Carolina Travel Guides/state road maps were picked up, as well as, 12,500 Heart of North Carolina visitor guides. According to Ms. O’Kelley, the HeartofNorthCarolina.com destination website continues to perform well and saw record growth in its numbers in 2012, including a 26.89% increase in unique visitors, a 23.25% increase in number of visits, an 8.47% increase in pages viewed, and a 23.05% increase in average number of visits per day. Ms. O’Kelley also summarized 2012 industry, partnerships and industry advocacy highlights.

### **Presentation, Review and Approval of Sandhills Center FY 13-16 Local Business Plan and Approval of Resolution Regarding Substantial Equivalent Status**

Victoria Whitt, Sandhills Center Executive Director, presented the Sandhills Center FY 13-16 Local Business Plan, which provides detailed information on how it will meet state standards, laws and rules for ensuring quality mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services. Ms. Whitt also asked the Board to approve a resolution of support for Sandhills

Center's petition to the State Human Resources Commission to determine if the Sandhills Center human resources system meets the requirements for substantial equivalency with the State Human Resources Act.

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sandhills Center FY 13-16 Local Business Plan, as presented.*

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution requesting support from the Board of County Commissioners for Sandhills' petition to the NC State Human Resources Commission for Substantial Equivalent Status, as follows:*

#### RESOLUTION

*Sandhills Center Area Authority for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, d/b/a Sandhills Center LME/MCO, is seeking approval from the North Carolina State Human Resources Commission to designate that Sandhills Center has a human resources system equivalent to that of the State of North Carolina:*

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute Section 126-11 allows local Area Mental Health Authorities to petition the State Human Resources Commission to allow the authority to establish an internal system that is "substantially equivalent" to the system used by the North Carolina Office of Human Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Sandhills Center may petition the State Human Resources Commission to determine whether any portion of its personnel system meets the requirement of Chapter 126 of the State Human Resources System of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, said Sandhills Center human resources system and any substantial changes to the system shall be approved by the State Human Resources Commission as substantially equivalent to the standards established under G.S. Section 126 for employees of Mental Health Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff and resources are available to Sandhills Center to maintain a substantially equivalent human resources system in the areas of: **System Portion I** - Recruitment, Selection and Advancement; and **System Portion II** - Classification and Compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandhills Center seeks a determination of substantial equivalency in the areas of:

*System Portion I - Recruitment, Selection, and Advancement*

*System Portion II - Classification and Compensation*

**WHEREAS**, upon such determination, Sandhills Center employees shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 126 relating to the approved portions of the Sandhills Center human resources system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS approves and supports this petition from Sandhills Center to the State Human Resources Commission to determine if the Sandhills Center human resources system meets the requirements for substantial equivalency with the State Human Resources Act.

*Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014.*

#### **Randolph County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Annual Report**

Bonnie Renfro, EDC President, presented the EDC's annual report, saying that 2013 was a very busy and successful year, marked by change for the Randolph County EDC and our community. Year 2013 saw more than \$46 million in new investment and the announcement of 343 new jobs by 16 companies. Ms. Renfro reported on the momentum to establish a thousand-

acre mega-site, suitable for large scale manufacturing, fueled by a \$1.67 million state grant. She said that despite some persistent uncertainties, 2013 was a year of stability and some growth for most companies, and managers are generally optimistic about the future. While the unemployment rate remains higher than desired, Randolph County saw a steady decline throughout the year down to 7.1% in October, and further reduction is anticipated in 2014.

Ms. Renfro introduced Kevin Franklin, who joined the EDC in 2013 as the Existing Industry Coordinator. Mr. Franklin spoke about the EDC's Existing Business and Industry Program and its continued outreach to companies across Randolph County. A total of 175 visits were made to Randolph County companies. Of the companies tracked, the EDC reported total employment of 16,158 fulltime workers.

### **Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board Annual Report**

Kemp Davis, Chairman of the VAD Board, thanked the Board for their support of the program and introduced Jonathan Black, Cooperative Extension-Randolph Center Interim Director. Mr. Black said that in 2013, the Voluntary Agricultural District Board admitted farms into the program totaling 463 acres of land. As a result, Randolph County now has over 17,358 acres of land enrolled in the program. Of this, 15 farms are enrolled in the Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture District with 1,326 acres, and 112 farms with 16,032 acres are enrolled in the Regular Voluntary Agriculture District.

In 2013, the VAD Board continued to concentrate on meeting the strategies outlined in the Farmland Preservation Plan for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Two agricultural forums were held with other local agencies and organizations, including Randolph County Cooperative Extension, VAD Board, Randolph County Schools, Agriculture Education Teachers, Soil and Water, Department of Forestry, Livestock Association, Farm Bureau, Farm Service Agency, and various other organizations, to coordinate their agricultural curricula. These forums have resulted in a better understanding of programs available and a better coordination of efforts. The Farm to Table program, created and piloted by Cooperative Extension in two Randolph County Elementary schools to teach first graders where their food comes from, continues to be a great success! In addition, local high school agricultural students read agricultural/farming books to the students each day during Farm City Week in November.

### **Proposed Sophia/Tiger Country Merger**

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, reminded the Board that she had appeared before them in January with an update on the current status of fire protection in the Sophia Fire Protection District and a suggestion for effecting a merger of the Sophia and Tiger Country districts. Over the past several years, the Sophia Fire Department has found it increasingly difficult to attract the number of volunteer firemen necessary to provide fire protection in its district at a level that it feels best serves the citizens therein. The Sophia Fire Department and the Randleman Fire Department are jointly suggesting that the Sophia and the Tiger Country districts merge and that the services in the new joint district be provided by the City of Randleman Fire Department. In order to accomplish this merger, Ms. Scotton suggested the creation of a county service district for fire protection under North Carolina General Statute 153A-309.2. This new district can be capped at fifteen (15) cents like the other districts in the county.

First, the Board needs to consider the following for the proposed new district:

- a. the resident or seasonal population and population density of the proposed district;
- b. the appraised value of property subject to taxation in the proposed district;
- c. the present tax rates of the County and any cities or special districts in which the district or any portion thereof is located;
- d. the ability of the proposed district to sustain the additional taxes necessary to provide the services planned for the district; and
- e. any other matters that the Commissioners believe to have a bearing on whether or not the district should be established.

Ms. Scotton provided the following information for the Board's consideration:

- Population:     Sophia            1,892  
                         Tiger Co.        4,391  
                         Total                6,283
- Appraised Value of Property in Proposed District:     Sophia \$120,692,635  
   Tiger Co.        \$226,409,388  
   \$347,102,023

This figure is based on the valuation of property in the district on January 1, 2013. The 2014 number were not available as of the compilation of this report.

- Present Tax Rates:                             County                             0.61  
   Sophia Fire Tax                0.10  
   Tiger Co. Fire Tax            0.10
- Calls Run by Sophia in 2013: 338
- Calls Run by Randleman in 2013: 1,373 (This number reflects all calls run by the Randleman Fire Department and therefore contains the calls in the Tiger Country District as well as in the City of Randleman.)
- Ability to Sustain Additional Taxes: Current Tax Rate in both the Sophia and the Tiger Country Fire Protection Districts is 0.10. The creation of the new county service district does not change this rate. It only creates a new consolidated county service district to replace these two districts. The Board will retain the ability to increase this rate in the same manner and to the same limit as applies to all other fire districts (protection and service alike) in the County.

Ms. Scotton said that once the Board has considered these issues, it may adopt a resolution (presented by Ms. Scotton) if the Board finds that the following apply for the district:

- a. there is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection services in the district;
- b. it is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis;

- c. it is economically feasible to provide the proposed services in the district without unreasonable or burdensome tax levies; and
- d. there is a demonstrable demand for the proposed services by persons residing in the district.

*On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution Proposing the Creation of a New County Service District for Fire Protection and Setting a Public Hearing on the Matter, as follows:*

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE CREATION OF A NEW COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute 153A-309.2 allows a County to establish a county service district for fire protection services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners create a county service district for fire protection for the areas currently contained in the Sophia Fire Protection District and the Tiger Country Fire Protection District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the population of the proposed new district, the appraised value of property in the proposed new district, the present tax rates in effect in the proposed new district, the ability of the proposed new district to sustain the taxing of the proposed district, and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. *There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection services in the proposed new service district; and*
2. *It is impossible or impracticable to provide fire protection services on a countywide basis; and*
3. *It is economically feasible to provide fire protection services in the proposed new service district without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and*
4. *There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection services in the proposed new service district.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners intends to pursue the creation of a county service district for fire protection that encompasses the existing Sophia and Tiger Country Fire Protection Districts and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:30 p.m. on April 7, 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the proposed new district, a statement that the proposed district meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the proposed district; and

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that, after the public hearing referenced above, if the proposed new county service district for fire protection is created, property taxes for fire protection within said district may not be levied in excess of a rate of fifteen (15) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of property subject to taxation.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Presentation/Adoption of Resolution for Closing of Elcanha Court**

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, said that she had received a request from David Cecil that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners act to permanently close Elcanha Court in the Spencer Lake Estates subdivision in Trinity. Mr. Cecil owns Lots 5 through 11 of Spencer Lake Estates Subdivision, and the road in question has never been constructed. The owner of Lot 12

accesses his property from Spencer Road. Mr. Cecil wishes to combine these lots and has a buyer who wishes to build a home there. Ms. Scotton said that the procedure for closing a public road or easement is governed by North Carolina General Statute §153A-241. The first step requires that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the road and calling for a public hearing on the question. This notice must be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, and a copy of the resolution must be sent by certified mail to each owner of property adjoining the road, as shown by the county tax records, who did not join in the request to have the road closed. Furthermore, a notice of the closing and the public hearing must be posted in at least two places along the road. If the Board passes the resolution and begins this process, the required notice will be mailed to the owner of Lot 12, published and posted. At the public hearing, interested persons are allowed to voice their views on whether the closing will be detrimental to the public interest or their individual property rights. After the public hearing, if the Board of Commissioners is satisfied that closing this road will not be detrimental to public interest and will not deprive any individual of access to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road. A certified copy of the order shall then be filed with the Register of Deeds office.

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution Declaring the Intent to Close Elcanha Court, as follows:*

***A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO CLOSE ELCANHA COURT AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION***

***WHEREAS***, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has received a request from David Cecil to permanently close Elcanha Court, located in the Spencer Lake Estates Subdivision, Trinity, North Carolina and depicted in the Final Plat of Section One of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 35, Page 48, Randolph County Registry.

***WHEREAS***, North Carolina General Statute § 153A-241 requires that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing prior to the closing of any road to consider the effects of said closing on the public interest or on individual property rights;

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED*** that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to permanently close Elcanha Court.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has set a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on March 10, 2014 to consider said closing and to allow for the public to be heard on this matter.

*This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014.*

**Joint Public Hearing Set with Historic Landmark Preservation Commission for Local Landmark Designation**

Hal Johnson, County Planning Director, spoke on behalf of the Randolph County Historic Landmark Commission and requested that the Board set a special joint meeting and public hearing of the County Commissioners and the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission on March 12, 2013, 6:00 pm, Richard Petty Museum, Branson Mill Road, Randleman, N.C. The purpose of this special meeting will be to consider designation of the site of Petty Enterprises as a Local Historic Landmark. The specific site to be considered for Local Historic Landmark designation is the 1928 Lee Petty home place where Richard and Maurice were raised. Also included in the Local Landmark designation will be the original site of Petty Enterprises, including the A-frame reaper shed and original race shop and engine rooms used and constructed from approximately 1951 to 1964.

*On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to set a joint special meeting and public hearing for 6 pm on March 12 between the Board of Commissioners and the HLPC for special local landmark designation at the Richard Petty Museum on Branson Mill Road in Randleman.*

#### **Announcement of Open House of New Randleman Ambulance Base**

County Manager Richard Wells announced that an open house of the new Randleman ambulance base will be held from 3-6 pm on March 12.

#### **Update on Fire Department Radio Loan Program**

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, updated the Board on the status of the loans to fire departments that the Board approved in December. These loans were available to the volunteer fire departments to buy radio replacements to upgrade their systems. Mr. Massie said that four fire departments that have requested loans: Climax (\$25,730), New Hope (\$5,000), Ulah (\$11,268), and Westside (\$85,000). Both Climax and New Hope have received their checks already. Mr. Massie said that he received Ulah's loan application/agreement today and Westside is still working on their audit.

#### **Discussion of Budget Meeting Schedule for FY-14-15 Proposed Budget**

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, presented two FY 14-15 proposed budget meeting schedule options to the Board for their consideration. He asked the Board to consider adopting a schedule at their March meeting.

#### **Request for Date Change for Commissioners Retreat**

Commissioner Frye said that he had a conflict with February 26 as the scheduled date for the retreat. Chairman Holmes directed the Clerk to coordinate a new date with the Board members.

#### **Closed Session**

*At 7:50 p.m., on motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area, pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(4)].*

#### **Regular Session Resumed**

At 8:29 p.m., regular session resumed.

#### **Adjournment**

At 8:29 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

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Darrell L. Frye

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Phil Kemp

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Arnold Lanier

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Stan Haywood

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Cheryl A. Ivey, Clerk to the Board